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Dear Dr. Hashim:

I am writing in my capacity as Chairman of the upcoming Conference on Clonal Senescence and Differentiation offered by the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) to solicit your support of this key aging research meeting. The meeting will be held at the FASEB Conference Center in Snowmass, Colorado, a magnificent site and convenient flight destination, on August 17-22, 1996, and is anticipated to draw approximately 200 participants. Your Council kindly contributed \$1,500 in support of the first and highly successful FASEB Summer Conference on this topic in August 1993, and your continued support would be most welcome.

All monies raised will be used to subsidize meeting attendance by trainees and junior scientists who wish to become more conversant with the field of gerontology, but whose present funding cannot cover airfare and registration. Subsidy recipients will be asked to present their work in a poster session, so that they will contribute to as well as benefit from the conference. The intimate and informal character of the meeting should permit all attendees to interact extensively.

Aging of our population has already had enormous impact on all aspects of American life. Within this century the portion of our population 65 years and older has tripled and average lifespan has increased markedly. Critical to meeting the challenges that accompany this socio-medical progress is a better understanding of the basic biologic processes of aging. This FASEB research conference series is intended to bring together at three year intervals outstanding scientists in cellular gerontology and other areas highly relevant to aging and age-associated dysfunction. The 1996 conference, for example, will focus on DNA damage and repair, role of oxidant damage and antioxidants, altered gene expression with aging, the aging/cancer interface, senescence and longevity genes, and new methods appropriate for gerontologic research. At this time, the confirmed speakers include world leaders in these topic areas. The meeting should stimulate new perspectives on central questions in gerontology and recruit to the field of aging

both established investigators in related disciplines and junior investigators not yet strongly focused in their research.

Sponsors will be publically acknowledged at the time of the conference. Although it is against FASEB policy to reserve conference slots for sponsors' representatives, every effort will be made to include all scientifically qualified applicants. Finally, as required by both FASEB and federal guidelines, program content and selection of speakers will be determined independent of sponsoring organizations.

We hope it will be possible for The Council for Tobacco Research-USA again to contribute to the success of this conference. Checks should be made payable to FASEB and may be sent to Mr. Ken Vienot at the indicated address below. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,



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